

Plinth of underground Paris. It threatens ruin and destruction everywhere. What new disaster will come to the water-logged city before the Seine begins to fall no one can predict. Already the damage is officially estimated at \$200,000,000, and every hour adds millions more. The catastrophe promises to exceed the limits of a national disaster and become international. The death toll also is growing at a frightful rate, and when the epidemic which now appears inevitable breaks out, it will run into thousands. Already scarlet fever has appeared among the refugees at Ivry.

Hold Comet to Blame.

Among the superstitious there is talk of the destruction of Paris as a result of the appearance of Halley's comet. The authorities are bending their energies to the rescue of the imprisoned and the succor of the homeless. The public subscriptions opened by the newspapers have reached nearly \$100,000, while the Red Cross and other relief societies have gone nobly to work.

The extent of the floods in Paris may be judged by the fact that about half the length of the quays within the city are under water, which is pouring into the streets, and thousands of laborers and soldiers are working like madmen to build cement walls to hold back the current. The Foreign Office and the Hotel Palais d'Orsay have been abandoned, as the cellars are full of water. The Continental Hotel and many residences in the aristocratic quarter are rapidly being evacuated. There is ten feet of water in the subway station in front of the Gare St. Lazare, and the sinking of the square threatens to carry down the adjacent buildings.

As the result of a conference Parliament will be asked to authorize an extension of time for commercial paper, because of the general disorganization of business.

An Oil Famine.

Besides the failure of the gas and electric lighting plants, Paris is confronted with an oil famine. Scores of oil barges from Rouen are tied up in the Seine, and the great depots of distribution in the outskirts of Paris are flooded. The oil refineries at Rouen are endangered. The situation in the provinces is no better than in the city, as they are supplied with oil from Paris.

An official bulletin to-night stated that the water at Pont Royal will reach the thirty-foot mark to-morrow morning. The prospect for the immediate future is grave, as it is estimated that the Seine to-night and to-morrow will rise from two to three feet. Moreover, it is feared that the high tide which is setting in, beginning to-night, will aggravate the situation, pouring in additional volume of water and adding strong pressure to that which is already invading the city underground.

Reports received here from Rouen say that the quays and fields for many miles are under water. Half the town of Plaisance, in the Department of Gers, is submerged, and hundreds of refugees are making their way to Paris. Extensive floods have occurred in Glendon, where the rivers continue to rise at an alarming rate.

Severe Storm in Italy.

Naples, January 26.—Driven by the hurricane, the sea at several points has destroyed the streets along the harbor front. Reports from the country around Naples describe violent hail and rain storms, with a considerable fall of snow. The river Arno, in Tuscany, a dis-



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patch from Florence says, is rising at an alarming rate, and a number of villages have been flooded.

Safety of Steamers Threatened.
Genoa, January 26.—The storm here took on such proportions as to threaten the safety of the steamers in the harbor. The residents of several of the suburban quarters have left their homes, fearing that they would be swept away. At places the sea walls have broken down by the high waves.

23,000 Homeless on House-tops.
Charlottesville, France, January 26.—The flood situation here is appalling. Ivry and Alfortville are especially afflicted. Their streets being under water. Thousands of residents there have been rescued, but 23,000 still remain homeless on the house-tops.

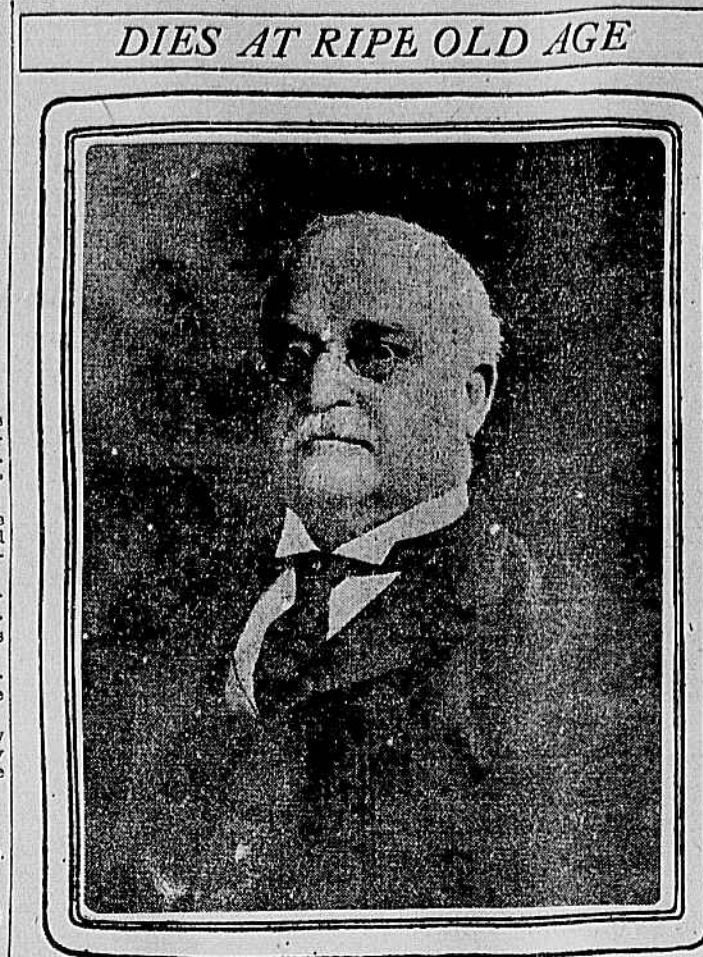
Spain in Grip of Gale.
San Sebastian, Spain, January 26.—A fierce gale is raging in this section. All the mountain streams are greatly swollen, and many houses have been inundated.

Fishing Boat Wrecked.
Bilbao, January 26.—A fishing boat has been wrecked off the coast in the storm, eleven men being drowned.

FOR SYSTEM OF GOOD ROADS

League for Highway Improvement Asks Appropriation of \$1,000,000.
St. Augustine, Fla., January 25.—A bill for the appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the establishment of a National Commission for Highway Improvement, the draft of a bill which will be submitted to Congress, was approved here to-day at the first annual convention of the International League for Highway Improvement. A committee was named to go to Washington to urge the passage of the proposed legislation. The draft of this bill provides for a commission of eight members—one Senator, one Congressman, four civilians, to be appointed by the President, and one representative each of the Post-Office and Agricultural Departments. The commission is to be charged with the duty of having ready for the President a report on the organization of a national system of good roads. President Taft is said to favor the scheme.

Graft in Road-Building, especially in connection with the purchase of machinery and bridge material, was denounced in several speeches. Representatives are present from nineteen States. Colonel John A. Stewart, of New York, president, urged the organization of leagues in every congressional district.



MAJOR HENRY D. WHITCOMB.

Latest Returns From the Fourth District Primary

	Watkins.	Turnbull.	Cocke.	Laslett.	Total.
*Amelia	142	10	6	17	175
*Brunswick	50	733	2	16	780
*Dinwiddie	50	94	32	286	442
*Greensville	6	163	46	59	265
*Lancaster	4	153	4	59	255
*Mecklenburg	86	369	30	197	682
*Nottoway	301	29	25	22	427
*Petersburg	108	234	23	126	591
*Powhatan	122	9	3	17	151
*Prince Edward	634	6	2	19	653
*Prince George	2	5	124	110	241
*Smyth	24	8	143	64	239
*Sussex	0	42	330	37	411
Total	1,600	1,877	852	1,773	6,102
*Turnbull's plurality					101

*One precinct missing.

*Two precincts missing.

TURNBULL WINS FIGHT IN FOURTH

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To the last, and its heavy vote for Mr. Turnbull was decisive.

Aside from Mecklenburg, it was really a battle for favored sons throughout the district, and the vote of each candidate in the counties which knew him best was flattering. Mr. Turnbull carried Brunswick, Greensville, Lunenburg, and Mecklenburg counties; Judge Watkins carried Amelia, Nottoway, Powhatan and Prince Edward; Mr. Laslett carried Petersburg and the county of Dinwiddie, while Mr. Cocke was victorious in the counties of Prince George, Sussex and Smyth.

A total vote of 6,102 is shown by the present returns, while the qualified vote of the district is about 8,600, thus disclosing a considerable falling off from the full party strength. In the last gubernatorial election 4,800 votes were cast in the district for Judge Mann.

The commissioners of elections in the various counties and the city of Petersburg will meet at their respective courthouses to-day and officially canvass the vote.

Stimulant Refused, Child Dies.
Provo, Utah, January 25.—The druggist of this city having entered into an agreement among themselves neither to sell nor give away liquor or distillate, T. J. Smith was unable to procure whiskey or brandy, decided by a physician to be necessary to save the life of Smith's two-year-old son. The child died yesterday from pneumonia. The prescription which the apothecary refused to fill was ordered by the president of the City Council and one of the councilmen.

Forecast: Virginia—Partly cloudy and warmer Thursday; Friday fair; moderate to brisk southwest and west winds.

North Carolina—Generally fair, with moderate temperature Thursday and Friday; moderate west wind.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.
\$ A. M. temperature 28
Humidity 75
Wind, direction S.W.
Wind, velocity 12
Weather Partly cloudy
Rainfall .00
12 noon temperature 34
P. M. temperature 38
Maximum temperature up to P. M. 39
Minimum temperature up to P. M. 28
Mean temperature 34
Normal temperature 38
Deficiency in temperature yesterday 4
Deficiency in temperature since March 1 490
Accum. excess in temperature since January 1 133
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1 7.04
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1 6.38

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.
(At 8 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.)
Place Ther. H. T. Weather
Buffalo 40 44 Rain
Detroit 34 42 Rain
Cincinnati 62 62 Rain
Vicksburg 68 72 Cloudy
Oklahoma City 50 56 Clear
Cheyenne 61 70 Cloudy
Pittsburg 48 48 Rain
Yellowstone 18 24 Partly cloudy
Memphis 58 63 Clear
Chicago 52 54 Cloudy
Washington 38 38 Cloudy
Savannah 50 64 Clear
Jacksonville 56 64 Clear
Tampa 58 68 Clear
Kansas City 42 52 Clear
Joplin 46 52 Clear
Key West 64 72 Clear
Mobile 58 64 Clear
Albany 58 60 Clear
New York City 34 36 Cloudy
Charleston 50 56 Clear
Augusta 58 62 Cloudy

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
January 27, 1910.
Sun rises 7:12
Sun sets 5:27
Moon rises 7:25
High tide 6:12
Low tide 12:12

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DEATH CLAIMS 'MAJ. WHITCOMB

Widely Known Civil Engineer
Passes Away at Advanced
Age of Eighty-three.

Major H. D. Whitcomb, a widely known civil engineer, died yesterday morning at 10:15 o'clock at the home of his son-in-law, Dr. Hugh M. Taylor, 6 North Fifth Street, in the eighty-third year of his age. He was stricken Sunday, and the end was not unexpected. He was born at Eastport, Me., February 19, 1826, and was graduated from Bowdoin College in the class of 1847, with degree of civil engineer. In 1849 he moved to Richmond, and for twenty-five years was in the employ of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, which he constructed through the Virginia and West Virginia mountains. In 1854 he was made superintendent of transportation and the following year chief engineer of the system. In 1861 he was made general superintendent as well, a position he held until 1870.

During the war he was in charge of transportation of troops and supplies over the Chesapeake and Ohio, holding the rank of major in the Confederate service. In 1870 he resigned the superintendency of the road to devote his attention to his extensive through the Alleghenies from the headwaters of the Kanawha, and finally on to the Ohio River, a work which was accomplished under his direct supervision as chief engineer, and completed in 1873. The following year he was appointed by President Grant a member of the United States Commission to examine the waterways of Europe and report a plan for improving the mouth of the Mississippi, which report was adopted and carried out under the supervision of Captain J. B. Eads.

Work on James River.
At the same time Major Whitcomb was in charge of the Government work in the improvement of the James River. He resigned that position in 1880 to return to railroad construction and built the Kanawha and Michigan Railroad, in West Virginia, now a part of the Hocking Valley system. In 1893 he again took charge of the James River work for the United States government, and continued until his retirement to private life in 1900.

Major Whitcomb was a member and at one time a director of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and also a member of the Doves Lodge, A. F. and A. M. His wife died in 1887. He is survived by four children: Mrs. Hugh M. Taylor and Mrs. Edgar D. Taylor, of this city; Mrs. G. L. Nicholson, of Washington, and H. D. Whitcomb, Jr., of East Orange, N. J.

The funeral will take place from All Saints' Episcopal Church, of which he was a vestryman, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Members of Doves Lodge will meet at the Masonic Temple at 2 o'clock to attend the funeral in a body.

The pall-bearers will be: Active—Fred Valentine, James N. Boyd, Mann Valentine, Colton Chappin, Dr. John Dunn, Charles E. Bolling, Thomas N. Carter, Otis M. Affrind, W. F. Powers and John N. Carey.
Honorary—P. H. Mayo, John Tyler, Daniel T. M. Talbot, Decatur Axteell, George W. Stevens, C. P. E. Burghwin, John B. Purcell, Dr. P. A. Irving, S. H. Hawes, Judge George L. Christian.

JUDGE A. C. THOMPSON DEAD.
Grip Affects Old Wound and Pneumonia Develops.

Cincinnati, O., January 25.—Judge Albert C. Thompson of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, died at 10:30 o'clock this morning. His last illness started with grip several weeks ago. This affected an old bullet wound in the back, received in the Civil War. He finally developed pneumonia. Judge Thompson was born in 1822 at Brookville, Pa., and served in the second battle of Bull Run. He resigned from the army and moved to Portsmouth, where he served three terms in Congress from that district, and in 1858 was appointed judge of the United States District Court at Cincinnati.

OBITUARY
Louis Fellheimer.

After a long illness, Louis Fellheimer died yesterday at his home, 1027 West Grace Street. He was fifty-one years of age, and was well known in the city as a prominent merchant. He was prominent in many fraternal circles.

Mr. Fellheimer is survived by his wife and daughter, Miss Elsie Fellheimer, of Philadelphia, and a son, Louis, of Philadelphia. He was a member of the B'nai B'rith, of Philadelphia, and the B'nai B'rith, of Philadelphia. He was a member of the B'nai B'rith, of Philadelphia, and the B'nai B'rith, of Philadelphia.

Miss Maggie Gwilt.
Miss Maggie Gwilt died at her home yesterday. The funeral will take place at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of her mother, Mrs. E. C. Gwilt, 1415 E. Main Street. The interment will be made in Hollywood Cemetery.

Mrs. Sarah E. Hobbs.
Mrs. Sarah E. Hobbs died yesterday at her home, 1023 Eggleston Street, after an illness of three months. She was fifty-eight years of age, and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Sadie Davis.

The funeral will take place from the home this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The interment will be made in Riverview Cemetery.

Colonel William Wood Finney.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Petersburg, Va., January 26.—Col. William Wood Finney died in this city last night, aged eighty-one years. He was the son of Captain William Finney, of "Ellick," and Elizabeth Crichton Wood, and was born at "Prospect Hill," in 1829. He attended private schools in Powhatan, Richmond, Cumberland, Goodland and Hanover, and graduated at the Virginia Military Institute in July, 1848, just after his sixteenth birthday. After graduating he taught at Warrenton Academy, and in 1850 traveled to California to dig for gold. In 1855 he began his engineering career in the West and in Mexico. Later he was one of those who founded the famous Pony Express, which played such an important part beyond the Mississippi.

At the beginning of the war Mr. Finney was made captain in the quarter-master's department of the Provisional Army of Virginia, with the troops in the highest esteem. His remains will be taken to Powhatan county Friday morning, leaving Richmond at 10 o'clock on the Chesapeake and Ohio train.

He is survived by his wife, by his

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David Bailey.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Charlottesville, Va., January 26.—David Bailey, for half a century an employe of the Southern Railway, died at an early hour this morning at his home in this city, aged sixty-four years. The remains will be taken on the morning train to-morrow to his former home at Culpeper, Va., where the funeral will take place from the Catholic Church at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, the service to be conducted by the Rev. Timothy J. Crowe, pastor of the Church of the Holy Paraclete, this city.

Mr. Bailey married Miss Hannah Sullivan, of Casanova, Fauquier county, who survives him with six children—Mrs. L. L. Whitestone and Mrs. E. L. Griffith, of Culpeper; Jerry, Cleveland, William and Alfred Bailey, and Miss Hannah and Clara Bailey, of this city.

Captain Kosciuszko Kemper.
Alexandria, Va., January 26.—Captain Kosciuszko Kemper, former Mayor, corporation attorney and superintendent of schools of this city, died at his home here last night after a lingering illness of several months. The deceased is survived by two daughters—Mrs. E. Beverly Slater and Miss Annie Day—and one son, D. Turner Day, of New York. She was the widow of Dr. Douglas Day, a prominent physician.

Funeral of Miss Winfield.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Alexandria, Va., January 26.—The funeral of Miss Madona Winfield, who died Monday, took place this afternoon from her home, 1200 Wilkes Street. Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, conducted the services.

Arthur H. Wrenn.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Alexandria, Va., January 26.—Arthur H. Wrenn, a former resident, forty-two years old, died this morning at a Washington hospital. The body was brought here this afternoon for burial.

John Dry.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Wadesboro, N. C., January 26.—John Dry, one of the oldest citizens of the county, died at his home here this morning after a short illness. He was a native of Stanly county.

Mrs. Rebecca McInturf.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Woodstock, Va., January 25.—Mrs. Rebecca McInturf, widow of Levi McInturf, a Mexican War veteran, died at her home here this morning, aged seventy-five years. Three sons and four daughters survive her.

Earl Riley.
Bluefield, W. Va., January 26.—Earl Riley, a young attorney of this city.

DEATHS
FINNEY.—Died, at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. E. C. Kent, Petersburg, Va., COL. W. W. FINNEY, in the eighty-first year of his age. Funeral notice later.

FELLHEIMER.—Born in Chambersburg, Pa., November 4, 1859; died January 26, 1910. Funeral on Friday, January 28, at 12 M., from Mortuary Chapel, Hebrew Cemetery.

Pall-bearers: Active—Mr. Wheatfield, Mr. Goode, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Nachman, Mr. Rubins, Mr. W. L. Binswanger, Mr. Kuspner, Mr. Reinhard, Mr. Benheim, Leon Dettelbach, Theo. Nelson, Dr. H. H. Levy, I. Stern, M. Thalhimer, Max Strauss, A. Greenlee.

GWILT.—Died, Wednesday, January 26, at 10:30 o'clock, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. E. C. Gwilt, 1415 E. Main Street. Funeral on Friday, January 28, at 3:45 o'clock from L. T. Christian's undertaking rooms. Interment in Hollywood.

HOBBS.—Died, at her home, 1023 Eggleston Street, January 26, at 10:30 o'clock. Funeral on Friday, January 28, at 3 o'clock from the residence of her mother, Mrs. E. C. Gwilt, 1415 E. Main Street. Interment in Riverview Cemetery.

MARABLE.—Died, at the residence of his mother, Mrs. E. N. Marable, 1403 Bryan Street, at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, January 26, 1910. Funeral on Friday, January 28, at 12 M., from the residence of his mother, Mrs. E. N. Marable, 1403 Bryan Street. Interment in Riverview Cemetery.

SCOTT.—Died, at Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania, yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon, RICHARD CLARKE SCOTT, JR., formerly of Petersburg, Va. The funeral will take place in Petersburg on TO-MORROW (Friday), January 27.

TAYLOR.—Died, at 1:15 o'clock A. M., January 26, at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Celeste M. Taylor, HOWARD C. TAYLOR, aged thirty years. Funeral services from St. Peter's Church, Eighth and Grace Streets, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock. Interment will be in Riverview Cemetery.

WHITCOMB.—Died, January 26, at the residence of his son-in-law, Dr. Hugh M. Taylor, COL. H. D. WHITCOMB. Funeral from All-Saints' Church, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock. Interment in Riverview Cemetery.

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